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FOR: System and Method for Optically Monitoring the Concentration of a Gas in a Sample Vial Using Photothermal Spectroscopy to Detect Sample Growth

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT PRIOR TO CALCULATING FILING FEE

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of the subject Rule 1.53(b) continuation application, Applicants request entry of the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

As the first line of the specification, please insert --This is a continuation of US application Serial No. 09/892,012, filed June 26, 2001.--

Respectfully submitted,



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